

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-251-T – ORDER NO. 2006-688

NOVEMBER 13, 2006

IN RE: Application of Senior Services, Inc., 1501	)	ORDER APPROVING
Leesburg Road, Columbia, South Carolina	)	FUEL SURCHARGES
29209 (District 2) for a Rate Increase and a	)	
5% Fuel Surcharge.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Senior Services, Inc. (Senior Services or the Company) to amend its Application to withdraw its request for a rate increase. However, Senior Services requests to charge a \$30 fuel surcharge on all moves under 30 miles round trip from office to office and a 15% fuel surcharge on all moves of 30 miles or greater measured by round trip.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has examined this request. According to ORS, the Company's request to charge a \$30 fuel surcharge on all moves under 30 miles is in keeping with the South Carolina Tariff Bureau rate and tariff structure filed and approved by this Commission in Order No. 2005-661, issued on October 6, 2005.

With regard to the request to charge a 15% fuel surcharge on all moves over 30 miles round trip, ORS notes that the South Carolina Tariff Bureau abides by a similar tariff structure in its Tariff No. 5, which is on file with both the Commission and ORS. However, in this tariff, the fuel surcharge applied to moves over 30 miles is derived from a fuel matrix driven by the monthly average price of diesel fuel. The Company had no

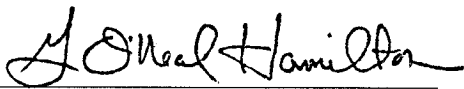
fuel surcharge in its original tariff. ORS states that its research reveals that the average price for diesel fuel on the date of the issuance of the Company's certificate was 144 cents per gallon. Further research reveals that on August 18, 2006, which was the date that the original request was received by this Commission, the average price for diesel fuel was 289 cents per gallon. This represents an approximately 101% increase in fuel costs for the carrier.

Accordingly, ORS does not oppose approval of either the request for the \$30 fuel surcharge on moves under 30 miles, or a 15% fuel surcharge on moves of 30 miles or greater.

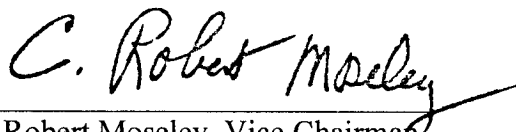
We have considered this matter, and, based on the analysis provided by the Office of Regulatory Staff, we approve the Company's request for a \$30 fuel surcharge on moves under 30 miles and a 15% fuel surcharge on moves of 30 miles or greater. These requests seem reasonable, based on the ORS analysis. We also approve the request of the Company to amend its Application by withdrawing its request for a rate increase.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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